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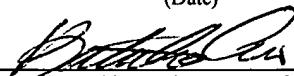
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THEREWITH
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper. A "Replacement Sheet" for each sheet of drawings being amended can be found in the Appendix.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

As stated below, Applicant has requested to amend Figure 4 to add a legend --Prior Art-- to designate that the illustrated is old, as shown in the attached Annotated Sheet Showing Changes.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

The amendment to the drawing requested herein is for adding a legend --Prior Art-- to designate that the illustrated in Figure 4 is old. The amendment does not raise any new matter, and approval of this amendment is respectfully requested.